

THE WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

Roseburg, Oregon

Rain tonight and Sunday. Cooler Sunday, with snows over the mountains.

See page 2 for statistics.

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WAR TALK

That's what came today from the Japanese premier. Looks like Uncle Sam is slated for action in the Pacific. Watch for the big news in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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TANK BATTLE IN LIBYAN DESERT RENEWED

Demand for Gasoline Tax Share to Maintain Streets Renewed at Meeting Here

Cities League Finds Urge State-Wide

Discussion Covers Plans For Legislation Bearing On Variety of Problems

Oregon municipalities appreciate the "dole" being provided them by the state highway department, but still insist that there should be a division of gasoline tax revenues to aid cities in maintenance of streets. This sentiment was expressed last night at a meeting called by the League of Oregon Cities and attended by representatives of various Douglas county municipalities. Those attending the meeting, held at the Umpqua hotel, were informed that the same opinion as expressed here was shown as well in the like gatherings previously held in other counties.

The municipalities of the state, through the League of Oregon Cities, have been striving for several years to secure legislation authorizing a diversion of gasoline taxes now collected exclusively by the state highway department. Several years ago the system of handling the money was altered to provide a share of the revenue to counties, but the municipalities were given no part of the money. Recently the highway department announced that it would cooperate with cities in providing a limited sum each year to aid in one or more particular street projects. Opinions expressed last night were that the cities should not relent their efforts to secure a proportionate share of the tax revenue.

Legislation Discussed

The meeting, which was conducted by Virgil H. Langtry, secretary and Orval Etter, attorney of the league, was attended by city officers from Yoncalla, Sutherlin, Oakland, Myrtle Creek, Canyonville, Drain, and Roseburg.

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OUT of the mass of conflicting reports from the critical Libyan battlefield comes this (Thursday) morning a Cairo dispatch announcing that the British garrison battling its way out of Tobruk has made a junction with the British column that has been fighting its way up from the east and south.

That is important because it means that step No. 1 of the British battle plan has been completed.

THE British plan involves:

1. Encirclement of the main body of German and Italian forces between the Egyptian-Libyan border and the general neighborhood of Tobruk.
2. A wider-scale, faster, THINNER encirclement of the entire Libyan area between the Egyptian border and the Gulf of Sidera. (Consult your map here.)
3. DESTRUCTION of the axis forces within this area.

THE plan of destruction is two-fold. It involves:

1. Actual destruction in battle, which is now being fought.
2. Starving out the axis forces by cutting their lines of supply.

AXIS forces in Libya must be supplied from across the Mediterranean. The job of the British fleet is to stop supplies from getting across. The job of

British Sink 8 Transport Ships of Axis

Effort to Help German, Finnish Troops Blasted; Reds' Defense Scores

(By the Associated Press)

At least eight axis troop transports and supply ships, carrying reinforcements in men and material to the German and Finnish forces on the Murmansk front, were reported by the British admiralty today to have been sunk by two British submarines.

The announcement was linked with a brightening picture of Russia's defense effort on land. The red armies reported they had recaptured part of Rostov-on-Don in the Ukraine, smashed back German assault forces in three key sectors on the central front before Moscow, and killed more than 9,000 nazis in bloody fighting along the 1200-mile battlefield.

A British communique said two of the ships sunk were known to have been troop ships. Five other vessels were damaged by torpedoes or gunfire, four of them "so seriously that their destruction is considered probable," the admiralty said. The axis reinforcements were apparently on the way to Petsamo, Finnish port west of Murmansk.

A British broadcast said red counter-attacks on the north flank of Moscow's defense area had recaptured 10 villages between Klin and Kalinin, respectively.

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Youth Dies Following Collapse at Hoop Game

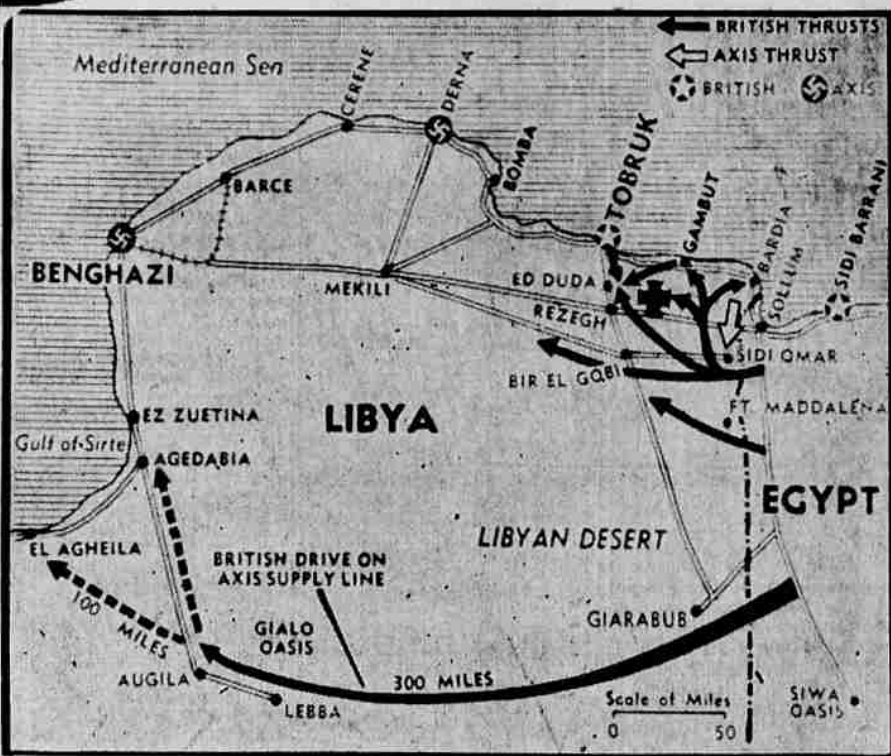
EUREKA, Calif., Nov. 29.—(AP)—Collapsing during a basketball game at Ferndale, William D. Cunningham, 17, Eureka high school athlete, died last night before he could be given medical attention. He had been inactive for several weeks after breaking his wrist playing football.

Gladdened by 'Anti-Okie' Law K. O.



In an opinion holding unconstitutional California legislation which prohibited anyone from assisting non-resident indigent persons to come into the state, the United States supreme court removed Fred F. Edwards, standing, from the shadow of jail. Edwards, now of Marysville, Calif., former lay preacher and migratory camp resident, was convicted of bringing his wife's brother from Oklahoma, given a six months suspended sentence. With him are Mrs. Edwards and their children. The California statute, popularly known as the "anti-Okie" law, was intended to discourage the movement into the state of persons likely to become public charges. Edwards' jobless brother-in-law received Farm Security Administration aid six months after arriving in California. Twenty-seven other states have laws similar to the one in California.

Where Britain, Axis Battle for Control of Libya



Mapped here is the junction of large mechanized British forces at Ed Duda, circling trapped axis forces (cross); the drive across south Libya and the Italian-German thrust across the Egyptian frontier near Sidi-Omar—an unsuccessful counter offensive. Note location of Tobruk, on the Mediterranean coast, from which a British garrison was freed after a seven months' siege. Immediately south of Tobruk lies the vital key point of Rezegh, where the British and trapped axis armies are continuing a bloody battle. Possession of Libya is needed by Britain to counter the nazi move to gain French colonial bases in northern Africa.

Train Wrecking Tale Now Denied

BEOOWAWE, Nev., Nov. 29.—(AP)—Clarence J. Alexander whispered "I no more wrecked that train than you did" but Sheriff Stanley Fine said today the state would continue its prosecution on a charge of murder of one of the 24 passengers killed in a train wreck in 1939.

Alexander, 24-year-old section hand of Cleo Springs, Okla., waived his right to a preliminary examination in justice court yesterday.

Led from the courtroom, he whispered to a newspaper man, "I no more wrecked that train than you did." He also said he didn't want to live and had tried to commit suicide four times.

Alexander will be held to answer the murder charge in district court at Eureka. He was arrested last week at Susanville, Calif., on a minor charge.

Sheriff Olin Johnson of Lassen county, Calif., said Alexander confessed he wrecked the streamliner Aug. 12, 1939, hoping to rob the passengers, but became terrified and fled. The officer said the prisoner confessed because he could not sleep.

Fatland Slated for Seat On State Liquor Board

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Ernest R. Fatland, former speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, will succeed Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, on the state liquor control commission, the Oregonian predicted today.

The newspaper said Governor Sprague may announce stockman's resignation and Fatland's appointment today.

Stockman announced intent to resign some time ago. He is expected to become republican candidate for congress in the second district.

Death Sentence Looms For Portland Slayer

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A circuit court jury yesterday convicted William H. Wallace, 54, of the downtown street shooting of Ben Finkell, 32, August 8.

The conviction, on a first degree murder charge, makes the death sentence mandatory unless a new trial is granted.

Price Control Bill, Badly Battered in Passage by House, Now Awaits Action in Senate, With Second Fight Slated

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—A badly-battered version of the administration's anti-inflation price control bill rested on the senate's doorstep today after a wearing trip through the house, but there seemed little chance of its becoming law before next year.

The legislation, which President Roosevelt requested four months ago to avert the threat of unchecked inflation arising from the huge defense spending program, passed the house last night by a vote of 224 to 161, but only at the cost of major concessions and several defeats for administration forces.

Senate leaders indicated that while committee consideration of the measure might begin relatively soon, there was little chance of senate action on it at this session. It took the house banking committee more than three months to draft the bill.

Before the house agreed to approve the legislation, it performed a number of major operations on the measure, including changes which some members contended would be fatal. Administration leaders privately expressed hope, however, that some of the eliminated provisions could be restored in the senate or by a joint senate-house conference committee.

As approved by the house, the bill would authorize a price-control administrator to establish

ceilings over commodity prices which got out of line with the rest of the price structure, but a board of review, provided at the insistence of the republican membership, was empowered to set aside his rulings upon appeals.

The administrator also could prescribe ceilings for rents in defense areas, based on rents prevailing around April 1, 1940, if state and local governments failed to adopt his recommendations for such regulations within 60 days.

When the balloting was over, Representative Short (R., Mo.) summed up the situation this way.

"Hodgepodge. I doubt that a single member of the committee knows now what's in this bill."

Four Girls in Contest For Turkey Show Queen

Much interest is being shown at Oakland in the annual contest for the selection of a queen to rule over the festivities of the Northwestern Turkey show, which opens at Oakland, Dec. 9. Candidates for the coveted honor are Ruthella Truitt, Phyllis Goff, Barbara Young and Bea Truitt. The coronation will be one of the highlights of the show.

Other feature events of the week include the annual Turkey show dance, to be held Dec. 10 and the annual turkey banquet Dec. 12. Palmer Hoyt, publisher of the Oregonian, will be the principal banquet speaker. Rollie Truitt, KEX sportscaster, a native of Oakland, will serve as toastmaster.

Gasoline Price Hoist Must Show Necessity

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Price administrator Leon Henderson informed the petroleum industry today that his office would not prevent "reasonable and justified price increases" on petroleum products, including gasoline, provided necessity for the increases can be established to the satisfaction of his department.

Products on which price increase proposals must be submitted to OPA include, in addition to all grades of gasoline, crude petroleum, kerosene, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oils, asphalts and lubricating oils.

Axis Forces Try to Smash British Trap

No Ground Won or Lost By Either Side Thus Far, Cairo Report Declares

CAIRO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Large British and axis forces have clashed southeast of Rezegh and are deadlocked in a great new tank battle of major importance, the British announced today.

The battle began yesterday and continued into the evening, the British middle east command's communique said.

Presumably large axis forces under Gen. Rommel, trapped between Tobruk and the Egyptian border, were struggling to fight their way out, while British forces surrounding them were attempting to smash them into smaller groups as a prelude to attempted annihilation.

"Bitter fighting" continues "without either side having given or gained ground," the British communique said.

A British spokesman said the situation was "very satisfactory."

The trapped German panzer units and the remains of the Italian ariete ("battering ram") division succeeded in joining ranks in assembling for their effort to break out, the spokesman said.

The communique said that the axis had assembled their "remaining tanks" for the effort.

The bulletin added that British and New Zealand forces were gradually "widening their corridor of contact" established between the now freed Tobruk garrison forces and those which have fought their way into Libya from the east.

Nearer the border the British captured an axis strong point north of Bir El Hamed, described as important, and took several hundred Italian prisoners, the communique stated.

Nazi Resistance Stiff

To the west, however, the axis troops "which are predominantly German, continue to offer stiff resistance," said the bulletin. The British fought on, it added, capturing 79 field and medium guns along with quantities of light anti-aircraft and anti-tank artillery guns, machine guns and small arms.

A "smashing raid" lasting three hours was made on Naples Thursday night, the middle east RAF reported today.

The Italian high command yesterday admitted Naples had been raided and said "material damage was notable."

The RAF communique said direct hits were scored on the royal arsenal, a torpedo factory, industrial installations, oil storage

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Killer of Air Corps Officer Is Convicted

HONOLULU, Nov. 29.—(AP)—John K. Yeung, a customs guard, was convicted of second degree manslaughter by a federal court jury last night in the fatal shooting of Lieut. Martin R. Connelly, young army air corps officer of Syracuse, N. Y.

Lieut. Connelly was shot during an argument with Yeung over the inspection of a package of photographs shortly after he stepped from a liner last Sept. 22. Yeung asserted his pistol discharged accidentally after being hit three times by Connelly.

Federal Judge Stainback said he would pass sentence Monday.

21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

